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Shaela McNulty Collins, Hearing Officer
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: NSTAR Gas Company, D.T.E. 05-36

Dear Ms. Collins:

I am writing on behalf of NSTAR Gas Company (the "Company") to request an approximately three-month extension of the procedural schedule in the case. The Company recognizes that this request is substantial, but the extension is necessary as a result of an unforeseen contingency concerning the availability of one of the Company's expert witnesses.

The Company also proposes that, based upon its request for an extension, the following schedule be adopted for the proceeding:

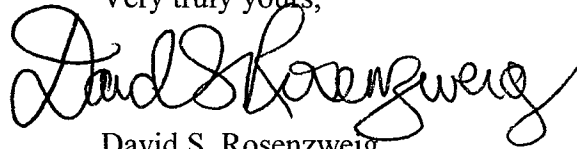
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| Tuesday, May 2 | Pre-Filed Testimony Due |
| Tuesday, May 16 | Second Round of Discovery Questions Due |
| Tuesday, June 6 | Second Round of Discovery Responses Due |
| Monday, June 19 | Evidentiary Hearings Begin |
| Friday, June 23 | Evidentiary Hearings End |
| Tuesday, July 11 | Initial Briefs Due |
| Tuesday, July 25 | Reply Brief Due |

The Company greatly appreciates the Department of Telecommunication and Energy's consideration of this request and does not anticipate the need for additional extensions should its request be granted.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David S. Rosenzweig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being the most prominent.

David S. Rosenzweig

cc: Mary Cottrell, Secretary
Denise L. Desautels, Esq.
Service List, D.T.E. 05-36